

Hey Sam,

How's everything going with you? It's been a while since we last caught up, so I thought I'd drop you a quick note to let you know what's been happening around here and what I'm planning for the holidays!

First of all, things have been pretty lively lately. I've finally started taking guitar lessons (remember how I always talked about it but never actually got around to it?). Turns out, it's tougher than I expected, but at least my fingers are getting used to the strings now! Also, I joined a weekend hiking group, and last Saturday we climbed up Maple Hill- the view was absolutely stunning at sunrise.

As for the holidays, I'm super excited. This year, my family and I are heading to the coast for a week. We're renting a small cottage right on the beach, and I can't wait to feel the sand between my toes again. We've planned a mix of lazy mornings, seafood feasts, and maybe even some surfing lessons if we're brave enough! I'll definitely take loads of photos to show you.

Anyway, that's pretty much the latest from my side. What have you been up to? Got any fun holiday plans yourself? Write back when you get a chance- I'd love to hear all about it.

Take care,  
Alex